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formaldehyde and sodium sulfite grafted thereon. Thus, Applicants did elect a Group and Species as required, and reiterate the election of that Group and species in this response.

The Examiner is reminded that upon receipt of the Notice, the undersigned telephoned the Examiner to let her know that he believed that the Notice issued in error because the response was in fact complete, and the Examiner left a voice mail for the undersigned on January 24, 2008, indicating that she agreed that the response was indeed complete and that no further action needed to be taken. Despite this assurance, a Notice of Abandonment was mailed.

Applicants also request that the accompanying petition for a five month extension of time and the Request for Reconsideration submitted herewith be granted. Naturally withdrawal of the holding of abandonment is also respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0624, under Order No. NY-HUBR-1282-US. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted

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